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He was instructed as follows :

WASHINGTON, D. C., *October 25, 1898.*

Train crews and coaches carrying Monterey passengers should be detained at frontier until they have been away from said locality five days, and baggage disinfected. See Treasury Regulations, p. 32. Enforce them.

BAILHACHE,  
*For Surgeon-General.*

*Precautions against the importation of smallpox and yellow fever from Mexico.*

EAGLE PASS, TEX., *October 20, 1898.*

SIR : I beg to report as follows :

Since my last report I have refused admission to a number of passengers (both on trains, and upon wagon and foot bridge), coming from presumably infected districts and cities in Mexico. Mexican press reports show no amelioration of yellow fever in the Republic.

Smallpox still exists in several points on the Mexican border. A vigilant inspection is being carried on. I have vaccinated all Government employees not protected by recent successful vaccination or previous attack of smallpox.

Most respectfully,

J. B. BURDITT, M. D.,  
*Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Smallpox in Selma, Ala., and vicinity.*

MOBILE, ALA., *October 20, 1898.*

SIR : I have the honor to report that a case of smallpox in a colored man was discovered in Selma, Ala., on the 13th instant ; also that there are 15 cases on plantations in Dallas County, Alabama, on the Alabama River about 10 miles south of Selma.

I am, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

R. D. MURRAY,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*

*Train inspection service at Atlanta, Ga.*

ATLANTA, GA., *October 24, 1898.*

SIR : I have the honor to report that, for the ten days previous to this date, 407 traveling certificates have been issued to persons proceeding South from this point to noninfected territory.

This pratique is given to quite a number of officers and soldiers from Louisiana, returning to the camp at Jacksonville, Fla., after detention in Atlanta for ten days and disinfection of their baggage. It is important, therefore, that the train inspection on the line between Montgomery and this city be retained for the present in order to furnish this office with a daily check list of this travel.

My dispatch recommending the discontinuance of the inspection service between Atlanta and Birmingham was forwarded just prior to receiving your message of this same date in regard to retention of the inspectors at Flomaton and Atlanta.

Respectfully, yours,

A. H. GLENNAN,  
*Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*